

# The Union Press

December 2019



**“To know Him and make Him known”**

## SESSION HAPPENINGS

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**Newsletter  
submissions for  
the Jan. issue  
are due  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

The UPC session met on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, opening with prayer by moderator Rev. William Davies. The session minutes for September 12 were approved. The first order of business was entry into EPC items. The “Church Information Form” which must be filed to advertise for a minister has been filled out. It will need to be approved (and possibly modified) by the pastor search committee. The session has been working on getting members for the search committee. The following are recommended: Dan McCardell, Doug Chase, Jerry Phillips, Ken Beiler, Arlene Hastings, Ray Wallace and Betty McCormick. They will be recommended to the congregation at the October 27 congregational meeting. (all seven were approved) Also approved at the meeting were changes to the bylaws reflecting our change from PCUSA to EPC and various other items addressing procedures and also requirements to reestablish our non-profit status with the IRS. Copies are available at the church. UPC was listed in Margaret Miller’s will and it has come to our attention that we need to update some items in our bylaws and articles of incorporation that have been neglected over the years. Just as we had to do with the problems with our property deeds, we are having to work diligently to bring things up to date. The application to acquire 401c3 status alone involves submitting about 30 pages of application and paperwork and paying a \$600 application fee.

The church nominating committee will start working soon on candidates for 2020 offices. Session, trustee, deacon, auditors and nominating committee offices need to be filled. The worship committee reported Rev. Glen Knecht will preach at

Homecoming. He served Union from 1954-1957 and is now 89 and will travel here from Washington to preach. (and he did!) Todd Brown, a Solanco teacher will be speaking on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas service was tentatively scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Permission was granted to allow some services to be held at Union by Chestnut Level Pres. Church while their building is under renovation. Most likely weddings or funerals. It was approved to join with LBPC for “Coats for All” collection this fall.

The trustees reported repairing parking lot lights, repainting at the church and manse and other maintenance projects. They will hold a ground clean up the Saturday before homecoming. For health reasons, Rev. William Davies is resigning as our acting moderator effective November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He has served us faithfully with great experience and wisdom through this difficult period in Union's life and is greatly appreciated. He will notify presbytery and they may appoint a replacement. EPC's book of order (unlike PCUSA) does permit the session to appoint one of their own as a temporary moderator so they can meet when a teaching elder (minister) is not available. The meeting closed with prayer to meet next on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The next Presbytery of the East meeting is January 24/25, 2020 at Bellevue Presbyterian in Gap, PA.

# December

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent  9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	2  NO Trustee Mtg	3	4 9:00 Art Class	5	6	7
8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent  9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	9	10 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:00 Art Class  7:00 Session Mtg	12	13	14
15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent  9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	16	17 7:00 Choir Practice	18 9:00 Art Class	19	20 4pm-7pm  Christmas Cookie Walk	21 Winter Begins
22 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart 7:00 Christmas Program	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Mike Chase	30	31 New Year's Eve				



## WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SUNDAY SERVICES

It is the opinion of session that except in extreme conditions (heavy ice, a foot of snow and more coming, etc.) that the decision to attend church services should be a personal decision based upon your own conditions and abilities. One person may be a mile down a main road and the next person has to come 5 miles over notorious back roads. We feel that in general, we will hold a service for whoever can come. If a minister does not show up, we will pray and sing songs and make the best of it and probably dismiss early. That being said, we may foresee that conditions dictate that no one should be on the roads. In that condition we may cancel church. WGAL has changed their policy and will only broadcast Church closings on the internet and not TV. WDAC will broadcast but not many people have radios in their house anymore. The current answering system at UPC does not lend itself to remote answering system changes. If the only option is getting cancellations on the internet, the easiest way is for us to disperse the information directly via "The Union eNews" which comes out weekly. If you are email capable, you will get cancellations that way. If you do not currently get emails but are capable please email the church to get added to the list. (at upc@epix.net ). If you cannot get email, we will also use the phone prayer chain ONLY if canceled. If you are not on either, figure out which one you want on and call Julie at 717-529-2000. (Tue/Thurs 9-2).

But above all, keep in mind it is a personal decision. Do not feel that if Church is not canceled that you must put your safety at risk by trying to attend. No one will think less of you for being safe. Yet we also want the building to be open for anyone to worship who can safely get here.  
~Your Session.



## Union Post Office

The post office at Union Church will operate for the Christmas Holiday Season. Christmas Cards will be delivered to anyone who attends church. Please place the cards in the box in the lobby. Please have first and last name on the envelope. **December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to bring cards.** The sooner cards are deposited the better! If you have any questions, please ask Arlene or Donald Hastings 529-2495.



Union Family,

Thank you all so much for our 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary cards. A visit on our anniversary from Hazel, Judy and Jerry Phillips made our day very special. Beautiful roses from Judy and help from Jerry were so much appreciated.

God Bless All & Merry Christmas,  
Joe & Helen Pugh

# FOOD BANK

Canned meat: Spam/Treet, tuna, or chicken;  
Large can diced tomatoes; Lg. can Tomato Sauce

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### December 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9;  
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

### December 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;  
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

### December 15<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10;  
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

### December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

### December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96:1-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

### December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

### December 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;  
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23



- 2 Emily Hastings  
Shawn O'Connell
- 4 Nathaniel Wrigley  
Janet Todd
- 5 Patrick Graver  
Chris Shoemaker
- 7 John Noonan
- 8 Mark Jackson  
Kay Jackson  
Adam Kelley
- 11 Noelle Compher
- 14 Lois Ferguson
- 15 William Sumner
- 16 Holly Parmer
- 17 Peter Lesley
- 18 Robert Ambler
- 19 Donna Shoemaker
- 20 Marsha Ferguson
- 21 Gary Jackson, Jr.
- 22 Jerry Eldreth  
Brian Wade  
Jane Ferguson  
Timothy Slodki
- 23 Kristen Hoak
- 24 Mary Jo Ferguson
- 25 Jesus  
Martin Greenleaf, Jr.
- 26 Kayla Ferguson
- 27 Angie Miller
- 29 Timothy Kleinhans
- 30 Janet Brown

## DEC. FLOWERS & GREETERS

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Lois Ferguson         | 1 Don & Arlene Hastings       |
| 8 Larry & Barbara Whyte | 8 Jeanne Stone & Elsie Vaughn |
| 15 (Still Available)    | 15 Dan & Pat McCardell        |
| 22 (Still Available)    | 22 Milt & Joan Whiteside      |
| 29 Diane Hastings       | 29 Marty & Judy Greenleaf     |



The flower calendar for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the main lobby. Please choose the dates you would wish to provide flowers in the sanctuary vases.



# Homemade Christmas Cookie Walk

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4 PM - 7 PM  
(Snow Date: Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 10 AM - 1 PM)

Union Presbyterian Church  
5637 Street Road  
Kirkwood, PA 17536

\$10.00 per container (containers will be provided)

\$5.00 Hot Dog Meal

Raffle Basket

Homemade Christmas Candies also available for purchase

**\*\*\*Cookies that contain nuts will be separated for those who have allergies\*\*\***

All Proceeds go toward Anna Reyburn's Animal Science study abroad trip to Belgium and The Netherlands!

**WE ARE  
PENN STATE!**



## Christ's Home

Women's Association is once again collecting monetary donations for the Christ's Home in Paradise.

Please give any contributions to Pat McCardell by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Choir Practice for Christmas Program



The Choir would love to invite one and all to join us in singing for the Christmas Program!

Practice for this year's program will be December 10th and 17th. Rick Rineer will be our accompanist for practices and for the evening of December 22nd for the program.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for October: \$ 8808

October Expenses: \$ 5027

Keep in mind a full-time minister will add about \$6,000 per month

Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$ 433

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Order form for Poinsettias

Those who would like to give poinsettias should complete this form and return it by  
Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias are \$6.50 each    Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Union Presbyterian Church.

Attach your check to this form and mail both to:

Union Presbyterian Church, 5637 Street Road, Kirkwood, PA 17536

